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Masterminds of MUDA scam

Ex-Commissioners Dr. D.B. Natesh, G.T. Dinesh must be arrested, says MLC Vishwanath

CM Siddaramaiah's resignation demanded

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (SBD&DM)- Holding two former MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) Commissioners, **Dr. D.B. Natesh and G.T. Dinesh Kumar,** responsible for the current scandalous state of affairs in MUDA following the exposure of a massive site allotment scam, MLC A.H. Vishwanath alleged that these officials colluded with elected representatives in the illegal allocation of over 5,000 sites during their tenure.

Speaking to the press yesterday, after the Governor sanctioned the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged MUDA site allotment scam, Vishwanath claimed this to be the largest scam in Mysuru's recent history.

He asserted that the scam unfolded during the tenures of Dr. Natesh and Dinesh Kumar as MUDA Commissioners, where established norms were blatantly ignored, leading to a scam worth Rs. 3,000 crore.

A.H. Vishwanath, MLC

Vishwanath urged the Government to seize documents that the two former MUDA Commissioners allegedly still possess, and demanded their immediate arrest, along with the cancellation of the illegally allotted alternative sites.

He emphasised that, beyond probing the allocation of 14 alternative sites to CM Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, a comprehensive investigation should be conducted into the allotment of all 5,000 sites. According to Vishwanath, the scam's magnitude extends into thousands of crores of rupees.

Highlighting that there were 9,000 sites under MUDA's control in 2019, Vishwanath alleged that more than 5,000 of these sites have been illegally allotted in a secretive manner since then. He also accused previous BJP and Congress Governments of participating in illegal site allotments on a massive scale.

(See MUDA on page 5)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-4 for Abracadabra titled ***"God Sees the Truth, But Waits — Delay in Justice delivery destroys human dignity of litigants, accused."*** **—Ed**

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High alert in city

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (MTY, BLU, BS&BCT)- Mysuru city is on high alert following calls from various organisations to protest against the Governor's sanction for prosecuting CM Siddaramaiah in the MUDA 50:50 site scam. Police forces have been instructed to be prepared to maintain law and order in case of disruptions.

Immediately after the Governor granted permission for CM's prosecution, some Congress activists and supporters staged protests. Additionally, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President, has openly asked Congress workers to take to the streets.

(See HIGH ALERT on page 8)

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Mysuru, Sunday 18th August 2024

Post-matric scholarships

Mysuru, Aug. 18- Online Applications have been invited for Post Matric Scholarship, Fee Concession and Vidyasiri from eligible OBC (Other Backward Classes) and NT/SNT (Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes) students for the year 2024-25 (Only PU and PU equivalent Courses, General Degree Courses and Dual degree course students).

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EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MEDITATION IS ALL ABOUT DEDICATION AND DILIGENCE: ***People from all parts of the world practise meditation to realise its physical, mental, and emotional benefits. Doctors advise their patients to meditate to help them deal with many physical ailments. Research has shown the role of meditation in slowing down brain waves, which makes us feel calmer and helps with many stress-related illnesses. Meditation involves focusing our attention, which helps with concentration and thus increases our productivity and efficiency in all spheres of life. Many people meditate for emotional gains so they can improve their relationships. We focus on these physical, mental and emotional gains because living at the level of our physical senses, we take ourselves to be our body, mind and emotions.***

There is another reason for which we should meditate, and that is for spiritual gains. This is because our true nature is spirit, and the spirit, being a part of God, is everlasting. Thus, any gains experienced at the spiritual level are also everlasting. As such, it is our soul that we should focus on nourishing while we are in this body. We should meditate to realise our true nature and discover our relationship with the Creator. Meditation is a simple process for which we sit still and concentrate within to experience inner treasures. There is a typical problem that people throughout the world have while trying to meditate. That is: how to keep one's attention in meditation without being distracted by thoughts?

Our minds are active and restless and do not like to be still to focus on the wonders within. Distractions from the mind include trying to tell us we have more important things to do than to meditate, engaging us in anger, lust, greed, attachment, and ego through its need to fulfil desires, or making us dwell on the past or anticipate the future.

There are two switches for our attention: one is the switch to be attuned to our soul and the other is to be attuned to our mind. The solution for the thoughts that the mind sends us is to be able to separate what thoughts are of God and the soul, and what thoughts are of the mind. We need to learn to be vigilant when the mind is pulling a trick to distract our attention either in meditation or throughout our day. When we have a goal that we really want to attain, nothing can stop us from trying to achieve it. Whether we want to win at sports, reach our financial goals, lose weight, or improve our relationships, we spend time working to achieve success. We put in the time and effort. It is the same with meditation. We have within us a gateway to peace, joy, and happiness. However, to access these treasures we need to meditate, by sitting in silence and staying focused to enjoy them.

We need to set our priorities. When we want to study for an exam, we set aside time and focus only on that. Similarly, when we set a time for our meditation, we focus only on meditation for that period. We then allot time for other activities through the rest of the day. This helps us preserve our meditation time only for that purpose.

—Sant Rajinder Singh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man to sue clinic after a botched vasectomy surgery

Ufa: A man who got a vasectomy after fathering four children is preparing to sue the medical clinic that botched the surgery and caused him to father a fifth child.

In 2022, after becoming a father for the fourth time, Maxim, a 45-year-old man from the Russian city of Ufa, made the radical decision to get a vasectomy to ensure that he didn't get his wife pregnant again. He visited a local medical clinic that performed vasectomies and agreed to pay 30,000 rubles (330 dollars) for the operation. The procedure was successful and Maxim was discharged from the clinic after only a few hours. Everything was well and good until early last year when Maxim's wife told him that she was pregnant again, which was quite a shock, considering the circumstances. Despite the man's hopes of a false positive result on the pregnancy test, he became a father for the fifth time and has decided to sue the clinic.

Coin-covered shrine in Kathmandu

Kathmandu: Kathmandu in Nepal is home to a peculiar shrine to goddess Vaisha Dev, the patron saint of toothache, where people suffering from dental problems nail rupee coins on an old tree trunk as offerings.

Located on a narrow street between Thamel and Kathmandu Durbar Square, the Toothache Tree is one of the most unusual tourist attractions. The shrine is said to be a stump cut from the mythical tree known as Bangemudha, but it's impossible to tell that it is a tree as it is covered with coins. Sources claim that it dates back to the Lichchhavi kingdom in Kathmandu Valley from approximately 400 to 750 CE. Even though modern dentistry has been practiced in Kathmandu for decades, people still come to the Toothache Tree, hoping the goddess will release them of their dental problems.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Male infertility accounts for 30% of infertility, female infertility accounts for 30% and 30% accounts for combination of both partners and 10% unexplained infertility.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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REALLY...?

- ***Bees can recognise human faces: In experiments, bees have been shown to recognise and differentiate between different human faces, a trait that is thought to help them in identifying different flowers.***
- ***Termites have queens that can live up to 50 years: Some termite queens may lay millions of eggs over their lifetime, the longest lifespan of any insect.***
- ***Hummingbirds can hover in mid-air: This is due to their incredibly rapid wing flaps, which can be as fast as 80 times per second, allowing them to hover and even fly backward.***
- ***Parrots can mimic human speech and other sounds: They do this by controlling the muscles in their throat to alter the flow of air across their syrinx, the bird equivalent of a human larynx.***

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1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.84**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 92.53**

VOICE OF THE READER

School children vulnerable to stray dog attacks in Dattagalli

Sir,

This refers to the news item on stray dogs in *Star of Mysore* dated Aug. 16. For the past year, residents of 'H' Block, 11th Main, Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, have been grappling with the menace of street dogs. The number of these stray dogs has dangerously swelled to around 20 now.

The situation worsens in the evenings when dogs from neighbouring streets join in. We're increasingly concerned that this could lead to a dangerous situation, especially for the students of Rotary School, Kautilya School and Supreme School who pass through this road.

Primary school children, most of whom are under 10 years old, are particularly vulnerable and may be at risk of attacks when walking alone. Even cyclists and motorcyclists face sudden, aggressive encounters with these dogs, especially when they form packs.

Therefore, I urgently request the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to take immediate and appropriate action.

—R. Prakash

Dattagalli 3d Stage

16.8.2024

Disaster Management Committees to tackle natural calamities

ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, who inaugurated an interaction session at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, taking a look at the photographs of Wayanad landslide site, which was on display at the venue.

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (MTY&VNS)- People are being trained to face possible natural disasters by forming District Level Natural Disaster Committee, said Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K.M. Gayathri here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating an interaction session on 'Wayanad Natural Disaster and Challenges before Media,' organised by Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) at Pathrakartara Bhavan, she said that a team comprising staff members from Revenue and other Departments were being trained to handle various situations on occurrence of natural calamities, through mock drills.

Gayathri also mentioned that similar Committees were formed at Gram Panchayat (GP) level post COVID-19 pandemic to handle situations.

"District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Revenue Department will prepare an action plan after collecting information about possible natural disaster in different location and take precautionary measures to prevent the loss of both life and properties," she added.

Appreciating the work of Mysuru journalists during the recent floods at Wayanad in Kerala, Gayathri said, reporting facts and truth was essential during natural calamities and reporting news based on rumours would only create unnecessary panic among the people.

Dr. Ashok S. Sanganal, Head (Appropriate Technology and Disaster Management), ATI, said that discussions on installing sensors to predict possible natural disasters in Western Ghats were being held post landslides in Mundakkai and Chooralmala incident. "Installation of latest sensor will be helpful saving lives. The Wayanad incident is warning and discussions conserving Western Ghats are being held," he added.

Journalists K. Shivakumar, K. Narasimhamurthy and Rangaswamy Madapura too spoke on the occasion.

MDJA President K. Deepak presided. Anveshana Seva Trust Founder Amarnath Raje Urs and others were present.

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720-gram baby survives against all odds

Mysuru, Aug. 18- When a couple was informed that the foetus cannot survive due to significantly low blood supply, they were devastated. They were advised to terminate the pregnancy, as the baby had no chances of survival due to extreme prematurity and low birth-weight.

Seeking a second opinion, they came to Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, for the medical termination of pregnancy. However, what followed was a remarkable journey of resilience and medical expertise.

On July 8, 2024, their baby was born extremely prematurely, weighing just 720 grams. Despite completing 28 weeks of gestation, the baby suffered from Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR), meaning the growth was equivalent to 26 weeks, with an ideal weight at this stage being over 900 grams. Immediately after birth, the baby was transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Narayana Hospital for intensive management. Initially placed on a ventilator for one week, the baby slowly began to improve and gain weight, demonstrating incredible strength and the effectiveness of the NICU team's care.

During the two months in NICU, the baby received round-the-clock monitoring and support. The medical team at Narayana Hospital, led by expert neonatologists, ensured the baby received best possible care, from ventilator support to gradual weaning to supplemental oxygen and then breathing independently. The baby's steady improvement and eventual healthy discharge at a weight of 1.5 kilograms on Aug. 3, 2024, is a testament to the hospital's commitment to excellence in neonatal care.

Dr. Mona Kuslum, Consultant Paediatrician at Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, explained, "The baby's survival and progress were challenging yet rewarding. Despite being born extremely premature, the baby responded well to our comprehensive treatment plan. Our dedicated team of neonatal experts provided continuous care and monitoring, enabling the baby to overcome the initial critical phase."

Dr. Arathi Santosh, Consultant Gynaecologist at Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, stated, "Managing this case was incredibly challenging due to the severity of the Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR) and the extreme prematurity. However, with a coordinated effort from our multidisciplinary team, we were able to provide the necessary care and support to both the mother and the baby. Witnessing the baby's progress and eventual healthy discharge is truly heartening and reaffirms our commitment to providing the best possible care to our patients."

Pavan Kumar, Facility Director at Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, stated, "The successful outcome of this case is a testament to the dedication and expertise of our medical team. Our facility is equipped to handle such complex cases. We are proud to provide a high standard of care that ensures the best possible outcome for our patients. We remain committed to supporting families through challenging medical journeys and celebrating the remarkable recoveries that result from our comprehensive care approach."

Narayana Hospital, Mysuru, extends heartfelt gratitude to its medical team for their unwavering dedication and expertise. The successful outcome of this case highlights the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality maternal and neonatal healthcare.

'Amrithadhare' concert held at BVB

Singers Ramesh Chandra and Rashmi Chikmagalur presenting a vocal concert as a part of the 133rd Outreach and Monthly Music Programme titled 'Amrithadhare,' organised jointly by Infosys Foundation and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru-Bengaluru at BVB premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage in Mysuru yesterday. They are accompanied by Raghunatha on tabla, Nagalingu on keyboard and Kiran on rhythm pad.

Technical skill development training

Mysuru, Aug. 18- Applications have been invited from eligible male and female candidates, who belong to SC/ST community and are residents of Karnataka, for job-oriented free Technical Skill Development Training, under Karnataka Government's All India Trade Test (AITT), Schedule Caste Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) programmes.

The applicants must be in the age group of 16 to 45 years and the last date to submit applications is Aug. 30.

Applications are invited for Post-Diploma in Tool Design - Qualification: Diploma or BE (Mechanical); Tool Room Mechanist - Qualification: SSLC; Tool and Dye Maker - Qualification: SSLC & ITI; CNC Technology and CMM - Qualification: ITI or Diploma; CNC Programmer (VMC & Turning) - Qualification: Diploma or BE; Designer Mechanical (CAD-CAM) - Qualification: Diploma or BE; Electrician - Qualification: SSLC or ITI; Conventional Machines and Quality Controls Training - Qualification: SSLC or ITI; CNC Machine Operator (Turning / Milling) - Qualification: SSLC or ITI; Product Design Engineering (CAD-CAM) - Qualification: Diploma or BE; Quality Inspector - Qualification: ITI or Diploma.

For details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 99454-79700, according to a press release from CEO Coordinator of Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC).

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

God Sees the Truth, But Waits

Delay in Justice delivery destroys human dignity of litigants, accused

A news emanating from Dehradun, Uttarakhand, dated 12th August 2024, reminded me of a short story by Leo Tolstoy titled *'God Sees the Truth, But Waits.'* It was among the 50 world's greatest short stories.

But first the news that made me reflect on life and destiny of a human being — rich or poor, powerful or weak.

The man in the news (name not given), 42 years old, worked as a laundry man in Dehradun. He had two daughters. The elder was fifteen years old. Apparently a minor.

On Dec. 25, 2019 the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) registered a complaint wherein the CWC said that "the girl had told them about sexual abuse by her father and her younger sister also supported her claim."

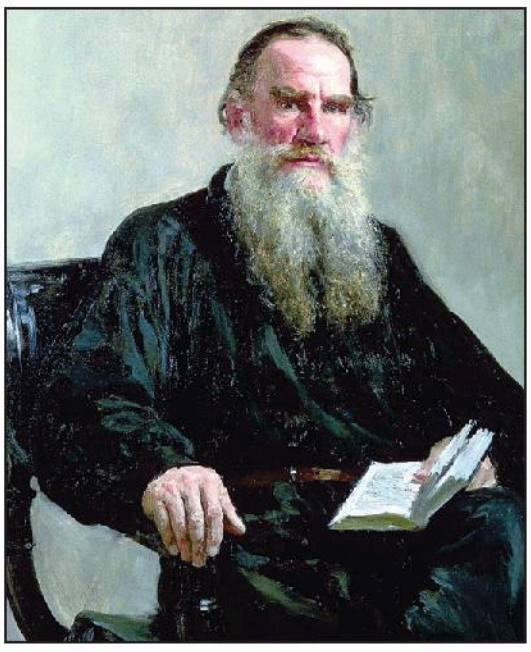
The girl's father was arrested and sent to jail on Dec. 27, 2019.

Investigation began leisurely at its own snail's pace though, normally, it should not be so in a case like this.

During the investigation, Police recovered some letters written by the girl to her beau, boyfriend. When Police questioned about these letters she confessed that she was in love with the boy who instigated her to lodge a complaint with CWC and she agreed. She already had a grudge against her father due to his disapproval of her relationship with the boy and for skipping school.

The case went for trial and the girl's medical reports came negative and it could not be confirmed that she had been raped. Based on the evidence, the Judge declared that man innocent and acquitted him.

Truth has triumphed. But after how many years? Five years. And he was in jail all the while, may be because there was no provision for bail in rape cases or being a poor man he was not able to secure bail.



Leo Tolstoy

Supreme Court building

However, this is a case where God saw the Truth but waited for five years!

If the investigating agency had worked fast enough the poor laundry man would have come out of the prison a few years earlier. This is where our law-makers in the new Parliament House should apply their mind and act.

Adjournments in Court cases is often a ploy to gain advantage either to the prosecution or the defence, depending upon multiple factors that our Judges must be able to see through and say NO. As long as Judges are condescending, there is no chance of expediting the hearing of a case and delivering justice in time. Delay in justice delivery impacts the litigant and the accused adversely in life.

Imagine an accused, who is an undertrial and remains in jail for more years than he would if convicted and sentenced!

Also imagine a situation where an accused is acquitted after many years in jail as an undertrial, as in the case of the Dehradun laundry man. God may see the Truth, but waits too long to be of any help to the innocent. Such inordinately delayed acquittal will not erase the stigma from a person's persona.

Now let me return to Leo Tolstoy's story that I read while hibernating during the period of COVID-19 pandemic and give my own edited version of it:

In the town of Vladimir lived a young merchant named Ivan. He was married with two small children. One summer's day he told his beloved wife that he would go to a Fair in a far away place to make purchases. She told him not to go on that day as she had a bad dream about him but he bade goodbye to his family and left in his horse-drawn coach.

When Ivan had travelled half-way on his journey he met a merchant whom he knew and decided to put up at the same Inn for the night. After dinner they went to bed in adjoining rooms.

Next day he got up early morning, settled the bill and continued his onward journey. After travelling about 25 miles, he stopped to feed his horses. Suddenly a troika, coach with three horses, drove in and a Police Officer followed by Policemen, alighted.

He came to Ivan and asked him who he was and from where he came. Even as Ivan was wondering why he was grilled that way, the Police Officer said that the merchant with whom Ivan had spent last night had been found murdered with his throat cut. So, the Officer wanted to check Ivan's luggage.

Suddenly the Officer drew a knife out of Ivan's own bag with blood stains. He was arrested despite pleading innocence. He was convicted and sent to that notorious prison in Russia's Siberia.

Time passed. Ivan was living there in the prison for 26 years and had turned old and weak before his age. He had lost interest in life but he often prayed. He lost touch with his family and did not know if his wife and children were still alive.

One day a fresh gang of convicts came to the prison. The old and new prisoners used to gather and exchange their experience in crime and how they landed in the prison.

Ivan asked one of the new-comers, Makar, who claimed to come from Ivan's town, if he knew of his family.

Makar said yes, adding that the father of that family was in Siberia!

Then it was told to Makar how someone had killed a merchant and had put the knife among Ivan's things in the luggage and thus he was unjustly condemned.

Hearing this, Makar confessed that it was he who had killed the merchant and put the knife in Ivan's luggage before escaping.

Now what? Imagine the real murderer and the innocent convict facing each other. Makar was overcome by remorse and confessed the Truth to the Jail Officials. He hoped Ivan would be released.

Yes, the release order came, but Ivan was already dead. Miscarriage of justice. God sees the Truth but waits! No. God and our Judges should not take too much time to see the Truth.

Tail-piece: *In this story, there is an episode that should shake the faith of any innocent accused person in the humanity. When Ivan was arrested his wife was allowed to see him. When they met, he hoped she would stand by him, engage a lawyer and defend him. But when she, during her meeting with him, passing her fingers through his hair, said, "My dearest, tell your wife the Truth; was it not you who did it?" he was devastated.*

"So you too suspect me!" said Ivan and hiding his face in his hands, he began to weep. Police came and took him away. He said to himself, "It seems that only God can know the Truth; it is to Him alone we must appeal, and from Him alone expect mercy."

In the late 1960s when I first read this as a journalist my eyes became wet. I was just 25 years old then.

Swami Vivekananda said, "You are the architect of your destiny." After reading this short story, I am left wondering if I am the architect of my destiny or the God. I guess, this must be the question nagging the minds of many.

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Governor's nod to prosecute CM: What does the order say?

Gehlot

Siddaramaiah

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office building.

Bengaluru, Aug. 18 (Agencies)- In granting consent to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over an alleged scam involving the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot stated he is prima facie 'satisfied' that the allegations and supporting evidence suggest the commission of offenses.

The Governor criticised the Council of Ministers' decision as 'irrational' after they advised him to withdraw his show cause notice to the CM and reject the application for prosecution sanction.

Prosecution sanction was granted under Section 17 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the alleged offenses mentioned in the petitions.

Governor Gehlot permitted the prosecution following petitions by T.J. Abraham, S.P. Pradeep Kumar and Snehamayi Krishna.

The primary petition, filed by activist-advocate T.J. Abraham, alleged offenses under Sections 7, 9, 11, 12, and 15 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (PC Act), and Sections 59, 61, 62, 201, 227, 228, 229, 239, 314, 316(5), 318(1), 318(2), 318(3), 319, 322, 324, 324(1), 324(2), 324(3), 335, 336, 338, and 340 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Abraham also sought investigation under Section 17A of the PC Act, Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) and Section 19 of the PC Act.

Permission to prosecute

Explaining his decision to permit prosecution, the Governor noted he had considered all responses from the Government and the Council of Ministers, labelling their decision as irrational.

Recalling the show cause notice issued to Siddaramaiah on July 26, the Governor said he issued it "upon perusal of the petitions and the materials supporting the allegations."

The Governor further noted he had reviewed the CM's denial dated August 3 and the Council of Ministers' response dated August 1, stating, "The constitution of a committee under an IAS officer, followed by another under a retired High Court judge, coupled with the Government's acknowledgment of a potential big-ticket scam in MUDA's site allotment, does not inspire much confidence."

'Accused person should not make decisions'

The Governor, noting that the prima facie evidence supports the allegations, stated, "Upon reviewing the petition along with the supporting materials, Siddaramaiah's reply, the State Cabinet's advice and the legal opinion, it appears that there are two conflicting versions regarding the same set of facts. It is crucial that a neutral, objective, and non-partisan investigation be conducted."

The Governor further asserted that it is a "settled legal principle" that the individual against whom allegations are made should not have the power to determine the course of action. Given the facts and circumstances, Gehlot expressed his satisfaction that sanction can be granted against Siddaramaiah concerning the offenses outlined in the petitions.

"Hence, I hereby grant sanction against the Chief Minister under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the alleged offenses mentioned in the petitions," he added.

Supreme Court ruling

He also deemed the Cabinet's advice in this matter to be irrational and biased, and thus, not bona fide. Supporting his decision to disregard the Cabinet's recommendation, the Governor cited the case of Madhya Pradesh Police Establishment vs. State of Madhya Pradesh (2004).

In that ruling, the Supreme Court stated, "If, under these circumstances, the Governor cannot act in his discretion, it would lead to a complete breakdown of the rule of law. Governments could then refuse sanction despite overwhelming evidence of a prima facie case. If sanctions to prosecute high-ranking officials are denied when a prima facie case is clear, democracy itself would be at risk. This would create a situation where those in power could break the law with impunity, knowing they would not face prosecution due to the lack of requisite sanction."

Politicians from all three major parties are involved

D. Madegowda

The Governor exercised his authority and granted permission for an investigation into the MUDA scam. From the outset, trouble was inevitable. How they navigate and emerge from this will depend on their actions. In the MUDA case, the Chief Minister is merely a scapegoat. It's not just the CM; the entire political class and State administration are entangled in the site scam. Politicians from all three major parties are involved. If a fair and impartial investigation occurs, it will provide opportunities to scrutinise all those public representatives who frequently engage with MUDA. But is MUDA being shut down under the pretext of this investigation? Why can't MUDA continue serving the people? Over 80,000 people have applied for MUDA sites. There are more than a lakh vacant sites in Mysuru. The process of distributing these sites to eligible individuals should proceed alongside the investigation.

—D. Madegowda, Former Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), now MUDA

Masterminds of MUDA scam

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Advice to CM

Commenting on Siddaramaiah's reaction to the Governor's sanction of prosecution, Vishwanath stated that the CM should refrain from creating a ruckus and instead respect the rule of law by stepping down from his position.

"Siddaramaiah always used to say that the law takes its own course. Now, the law has indeed taken its course regarding the CM. I had advised him much earlier to return the 14 sites allotted to his wife. I even asked Siddaramaiah what he intended to do with those 14 sites," he said, reiterating that now, with the Governor having sanctioned his prosecution, Siddaramaiah should step down with honour.

Vishwanath observed that the Congress's accusation of the Governor being a puppet of the BJP is typical. He noted that blaming Governors appointed by other parties has become a common trend across the country. However, he underscored that the posts of the President of India and Governors are Constitutional positions, and those occupying these roles function strictly within the ambit of the law.

Congress spokesperson suspects influentials' role

KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana addressing media persons at Congress Bhavan on JLB road yesterday as Mysuru Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Mysuru ZP President B.M. Ramu and others look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (GA&BS)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has suspected the role of some influential persons behind the decision of the Governor to accord sanction for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

He was addressing media persons at Congress Bhavan on JLB road in the city on Saturday.

Lakshmana alleged that, soon after Siddaramaiah took oath for the second term as CM, the BJP leaders prepared the blueprint to dethrone him. It's unfortunate that, the BJP and JD(S) alliance has misused Raj Bhavan to execute their motive.

However, even after a year has lapsed for a similar complaint seeking the approval of the Governor for prosecution of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, former Ministers Shashikala Jolle and Murugesh Nirani, there is no decision yet on these complaints, rued Lakshmana.

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Governor's nod for CM's prosecution

Complainants ready for legal battle; CM to file plea in HC

Bengaluru, Aug. 18 (Agencies)- In a major development in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case, complainants are set to escalate their legal efforts.

Advocate-activist T.J.Abraham, one of the complainants against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, announced last evening after meeting Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot that he will approach the Special Court for Public Representatives.

Abraham intends to request the Court to take cognisance of the Governor's sanction to prosecute the CM or refer it under Section 156(3) of the Cr.PC. "We will present this permission to the Special Court and seek the Judge's consideration or referral on Aug. 21," Abraham told reporters in Bengaluru.

Caveat filed

Anticipating that Siddaramaiah may challenge the Governor's sanction in the Karnataka High Court, S.P. Pradeep Kumar, another applicant before the Governor, filed a caveat in the High Court yesterday.

"I filed the caveat because Siddaramaiah might seek relief from the High Court. Without a caveat, he could receive relief without considering our side of the argument," Pradeep Kumar explained.

Sources indicate that Siddaramaiah is expected to approach the High Court on Aug. 19 (tomorrow) to contest the legality of the sanction. With the caveat in place, the High Court must consider the caveator's position before issuing any orders on Siddaramaiah's anticipated petition.

Options for CM

Legal experts suggest that Siddaramaiah can challenge the Governor's decision by filing a petition in the High Court. Should the Court dismiss his plea, he can escalate the matter to the Supreme Court. Possible grounds for challenging the sanction include questions about the Governor's authority, procedural errors, or lack of a *prima facie* case.

Given the support Siddaramaiah has from the High Command and the Cabinet, he is likely to resist calls for his resignation from the Opposition. He may argue that similar situations in the past did not lead to resignations. For example, former CM B.S. Yediyurappa remained in office despite a Governor-sanctioned prosecution related to an alleged mining scam.

However, with the Governor's sanction now in place, Siddaramaiah faces increasing legal challenges.

Social activist Snehamayi Krishna has also approached the Special Court for Public Representatives over the MUDA site allotment scam.

Previously, proceedings had stalled due to the pending request for the Governor's sanction. Siddaramaiah will now be compelled to address Krishna's petition.

Siddaramaiah's legal team might argue for the rejection of these petitions on various grounds, including procedural impropriety. The outcome in the Special Court will be crucial in shaping the future course of proceedings.

Raghu Kautilya demands ED probe into MUDA scam

Wants ED to take two former Commissioners into custody

Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (GA&DM)- A day after Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot granted sanction for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in MUDA illegal sites allotment scam, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu Kautilya has called for a Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe in order to unearth the full dimension of the scam.

Addressing a press meet at Patharkartara Bhavan here this morning, Raghu, displaying a copy of the Nov. 27, 2023, letter written by the then Mysuru Deputy Commissioner to the Urban Development Department Secretary at Bengaluru, in which the DC had highlighted gross irregularities in the 50:50 ratio alternative site allotments, the procedural lapses and financial losses in land acquisition and compensation payments and other fraudulent practices, maintained that the MUDA scam was a fit case for ED.

Urging the ED to register a *Suo Moto* case based on the DC's letter, for a fair and thorough probe into the Multi-thousand crore MUDA scam, he said that he would file a petition seeking the ED to register a case and conduct probe into the scam.

Alleging that Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh was protecting **former MUDA Commissioners D.B. Natesh and G.T. Dinesh Kumar,** under whose tenure the scam had taken place, Raghu wanted to know why the two former MUDA Commissioners have not been questioned so far, when their involvement in the scam is glaring. Questioning the Minister why he was shielding the two former MUDA commissioners, by just transferring them to Bengaluru, he said that all the officials involved in the scam must not be spared of investigation.

Stating that he had exposed the MUDA scam on June 30, Raghu said that the MUDA scam is far bigger than anticipated, he wondered why the Justice P.N. Desai Commission was formed in the first place. Reiterating that skeletons were tumbling out of MUDA every other day, he strongly defended the Governor's sanction for the prosecution of the CM in the MUDA alternative sites allotment scam.

Quoting the Ramayana where Sita underwent a test of fire, Raghu said that the CM should quit and face the probe and come out clean. "Siddaramaiah can become the Chief Minister again if he comes out clean in the MUDA scam probe. The Congress is now crying hoarse against Governor Gehlot. The Congress should remember that its own Governor Hansraj Bharadwaj accorded sanction for the prosecution of the then BJP Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in connection with a graft case," he said while reiterating that CM Siddaramaiah should quit and face a probe.

Continuing, Raghu said that Banks should thoroughly scrutinise documents when MUDA 50:50 ratio alternative site allottees seek bank loans. Contending that there are many irregularities in the alternative sites allotments, he wanted the Banks to be extra careful while granting loans on sites allotted since 2020. He further said that he had written to the Banks in this regard much earlier, telling them to be very cautious while granting loans on sites.

BJP leaders B.M. Raghu, Shailendra, Maheshraje Urs and Giridhar were present at the press meet.

Yesterday too, Raghu Kautilya had demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over MUDA sites allotment scam. In a statement, Raghu said that Siddaramaiah who often says that Ramakrishna Hegde was his ideal leader who resigned on charges of phone tapping, should follow his leader now and quit the CM's post.

Pointing out that Siddaramaiah has no moral right to take shelter of AHINDA to hide his wrongs, he charged the CM of rendering grave injustice to the Backward Classes and Dalits. Maintaining that the BJP would not have taken out Mysuru Chalo Padayatra had the CM come up with clear answers on the MUDA scam during the Legislature Session, he reiterated that Siddaramaiah should resign and extend full co-operation in the MUDA scam probe, now that the Governor has sanctioned his prosecution.

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The Sriramachandrapura Mutt Havyaka Mahamandala, Mysuru Zone, will be conducting a mass Yajur Upakarma for Trimathastha Brahmin community members at Sai Saraswathi Vidya Kendra premises in Bogadi here at 7 am tomorrow (Aug. 19). Trimathastha Brahmin community members are appealed to take part. For details, contact Mob: 99162-21184.

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Obituary

Kekada Sindhu Ponamma

Mysuru, Aug. 18- Kekada Sindhu Ponamma (Chemira), wife of Shyam Ponappa and a resident of Villa-2, Sunpure Homes in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, passed away yesterday evening in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Car, auto damaged as huge tree branch falls on top

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (SBD&KS)- Drivers of a car and an auto had a miraculous escape when a huge branch of a Gulmohar tree fell on top of the vehicles near JSS Mahavidyapeetha close to Gun House Circle yesterday evening.

It is learnt that both the drivers had parked their vehicles near JSS Mahavidyapeetha and at about 5.30 pm, the auto driver, who heard the sound of the branch cracking, left the auto behind and fled to a safe distance. But the car driver was seated inside the car and fortunately the huge branch fell on the rear portion of the car damaging it.

Luckily, the car driver escaped without a scratch.

Local residents said that a roadside vendor sells papaya fruits beneath the tree and yesterday he left the spot at about 3.30 pm as he had some work. The vendor sells the fruit beneath the tree till about 6 pm and if he was still there, a major mishap would have taken place, the residents added.

The public immediately contacted MCC officials and MCC Abhaya team, which arrived at the spot, cleared the branch fallen on the vehicles, said former Corporator B.V. Manjunath.

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru passes away

Mysuru, Aug. 18- Prof. B.P. Mahesh Chandra Guru (67), retired Professor and former Chairman of the Department of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM) and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away on Saturday night in city.

He is survived by his wife Prof. Hemavathi and a host of students, relatives and friends.

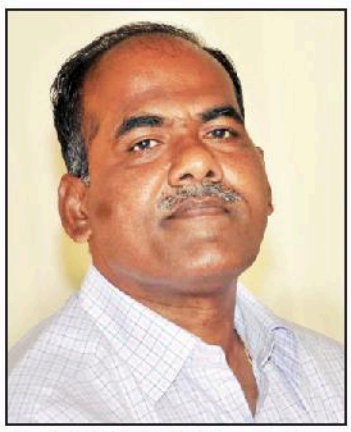
Last rites were held at the family's farm land on Mysuru-Ooty Road in Gundlupet this evening.

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru was born on Jan. 31 to late P.S. Basavaraju and late G.B. Banashankaramma in Gundlupet of Chamarajanagar district.

The Professor obtained his Post Graduate Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from UoM in 1980 and obtained Ph.D degree in 'Communication' from Mangalore University in 1999.

He had also served as a Reporter, Sub-Editor in 'Panchama' newspaper, Research Officer at National Institute of Rural Development in Hyderabad, Public Relations Assistant Director at India Meteorological Department at Chandigarh, Lecturer of Journalism in Bangalore University, Reader at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Mangalore University and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication at Mysore University.

He had also served as the Student Welfare Director, NSS Organising Officer at Mysore University, besides serving at Karnataka Public Service Commission, Union Public Service Commission, University Grants Commission, National Assessment and Accreditation Council as an examiner, resource person and facilitator.



Prof. B.P. Mahesh Chandra Guru

He has published about 28 books, 250 research articles and presented 200 papers in various national and international conferences besides guiding about 32 Ph.D research scholars in India and abroad.

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru, a progressive thinker, was actively involved in Dalit and farmers movements.

CM condoles

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has condoled the death of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru on his 'X' account.

The CM stated "I am shocked over the death of social thinker Dr. Mahesh Chandra Guru, who was close to me."

"Dr. Mahesh Chandra Guru, who had served as the Professor at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in Mysore University, was influenced by Buddha, Basava and Ambedkar and served as a guide to the society. He never kept silent and did not care for the consequences for his opinions. Following his demise, we have lost a thinker and a guide. I am a part of the grief of his family and followers."

Echo of protest calls: City on high alert

No Mysuru Bandh tomorrow

(Continued from page 1)

The State Intelligence Department has indicated that protests are planned across the State for tomorrow, Aug. 19. In response to the potential for these protests to disrupt public order, Police across the State have been put on high alert.

Police in all districts, including Mysuru and Bengaluru, have been directed to enhance security measures. Senior officers have instructed all District and City Police units to stay vigilant and prevent any disturbances.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar stated that the Police are fully prepared to manage the situation. "All senior officers, including DCPs and ACPs, are out in the field to monitor protests and any processions. We will deploy forces from the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), City Armed Reserve (CAR) and regular Civil Police," she said.

The Commissioner added that additional forces will be mobilised if the situation escalates. "We expect protesters from Mandya and other areas, and we are ready to handle that," she noted.

Meanwhile, AHINDA leaders, along with fans and supporters of Siddaramaiah, had called for a Mysuru bandh on Aug. 19. This decision was made during an emergency meeting of AHINDA leaders led by B. Subramanya, former President of Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha, at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar on Saturday. However, Subramanya clarified this morning that the bandh call has been withdrawn.

T. Narasipur bandh?

In T. Narasipur, Congress leaders have also announced a bandh for Aug. 19. Party leaders and workers met at the party office in the town last evening and decided to observe the bandh. It remains uncertain whether the T. Narasipur bandh will proceed given the withdrawal of the Mysuru bandh call by the AHINDA leaders.

Woman, daughter go missing

Nanjangud, Aug. 18 (KS)- A 21-year-old woman and her daughter have gone missing from Sooralli village in Nanjangud taluk since Aug. 10 and the woman's husband has lodged a missing complaint at Nanjangud Rural Police Station.

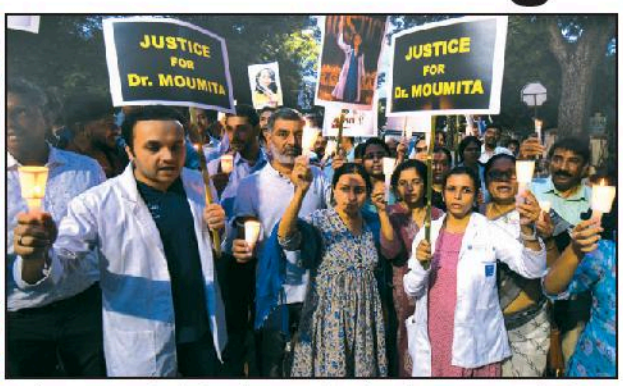
In his complaint Ashvini's husband Mahesh has stated he along with his wife and daughter had dinner at about 9 pm on Aug. 9 and later went to sleep. But when he woke up at about 4 am on Aug. 10, he found his wife and daughter missing.

B. Ashvini *Nityashree*

The missing are B. Ashvini and her daughter Nityashree. Ashvini is 5.1 ft. tall, round faced, oily red complexioned and was wearing a green coloured chudidhar. Those having any information about the missing persons may contact Ph: 08221-226259.

Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

Organisations hold candle light march in city



Mysuru, Aug. 18 (SBD&DM)- Strongly condemning the brutal rape and murder of a Medical student at Kolkata, the Karnataka Rajya Mahila Dourjanya Virodhi Okkoota, in association with PUCL, Samata Vedike and other organisations, staged a candle light demonstration in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the city Law Courts complex here last evening.

The protesters who held placards, raised slogans and demanded death penalty for the accused. They also urged the Government to take stringent action against perpetrators of crimes, atrocities and violence against women and to ensure safety and security of women at workplaces.

The protesters also formed a human chain at the venue.

Activists Prof. Sabiha Bhumigouda, Rathi Rao, Latha Biddappa, Sridevi, Vasanthamma, Suma Ravindra, Kalachannegowda, Ugra Narasimhegowda, Kaiser Nikam, Nikhita Nikam, Shanti Yadunandan, Jagannath, Panditaradhya, Sumathi, Vanaja, N. Diwakar, Dr. Sudha, Dr. Girija, Sumana and others were present.

Doctors submit memorandum to DC

Doctors attached to Mysuru Chapter of Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mysuru Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society, Mysuru Unit of Indian Academy of Pediatrics, AYUSH Federation of India and Students of St. Joseph's Nursing College took out a mammoth rally in the city yesterday condemning the rape and murder of Kolkata Post Graduate medical student and submitted a memorandum, addressed to the Prime Minister, to the Deputy Commissioner.

The rally (Jatha) which commenced from Doddakere grounds, passed through the main thoroughfares of Ittigegud and Mahadevapura main road, before reaching the DC office on Bannur road in Siddarthanagar, where the memorandum was presented to DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

Throughout the rally, the participants, who held placards and banners, raised slogans condemning the brutal rape and murder of a medical student at a Kolkata Medical college and demanded death penalty for the accused.

The staff of Kamakshi, Sigma, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Cauvery Hospitals and other Hospitals of the city also took part in the rally.

St. Joseph's Hospital holds prayer meeting

Expressing deep sorrow and anguish over the brutal rape and murder of a doctor at a hospital in Kolkata, the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers of St. Joseph's Hospital and staff and students of St. Joseph's Nursing College, Bannimantap in city, took part in the prayer meeting held at the Hospital premises yesterday. Director Rev. Fr. Manuel D'Souza, Administrator Rev. Fr. Roxan Baros, Medical Superintendent Dr. Xavier D'Souza, HR Manager Jaya Chithra, Principal Mamatha, Senior Doctor Dr. Chandrashekar and others took part in the prayer meeting.

CM Siddaramaiah says won't quit; questions Guv's urgency

Bengaluru, Aug. 18 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah ruled out any possibility of resignation, asserting that he would fight the allegations legally, just hours after Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot approved his prosecution in the MUDA site scam.

He emphasised that the Congress high command and the Cabinet stood firmly by him.

Speaking to the media persons in Bengaluru last evening, Siddaramaiah stated, "There is no question of resignation. I will fight this legally in Court. The Governor's decision is unconstitutional; he has no authority or jurisdiction, and we will challenge it."

"It's a conspiracy against the Congress Government. The BJP and JD(S), along with the Central Government, have colluded in this," he declared.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar addressing media persons as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Ministers H.K. Patil, Dr. G. Parameshwar, M.B. Patil, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, K. Venkatesh, Dr. Sharanprakash Patil, Dr. M.C. Sudhakar and N.S. Boseraju look on.

He described the situation as part of a larger plot to destabilise the elected Government of Karnataka, similar to conspiracies in Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and New Delhi. "There's no case against me, and the Governor's decision to allow prosecution is unconstitutional," he reiterated.

"They cannot tolerate my leadership or this Government because we have implemented all the Guarantee Schemes, which benefit the poor across all communities and religions," he claimed, accusing the BJP of being against social justice and the welfare of the poor.

He criticised the Governor's swift action, issuing a show-cause notice on the same day the complaint was filed against him.

"This move was anticipated. The Governor is being used as a political weapon, and there's no question of my resignation," he said.

Questions urgency

Siddaramaiah questioned the urgency in his case while no action was taken against Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy in a similar situation. He highlighted that Lokayukta's petition against Kumaraswamy, submitted to the Governor's office on Nov. 23, 2011, is yet to receive sanction.

"In my case, it's a petition from an individual, while the Lokayukta's petition against Kumaraswamy involves serious allegations of illegal mining permissions. No investigation was conducted in MUDA case, and there's no evidence of my involvement," Siddaramaiah stressed.

He further accused the Governor of acting on behalf of BJP, JD(S) leaders like H.D. Kumaraswamy, Karnataka BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra and Opposition Leader R. Ashoka. While the petitions against former BJP Ministers Shashikala Jolle and Murugesh Nirani, are still pending with the Governor's office.

RAAGA Music Academy's decennial celebrations: Day-2

'Veena & Violin, our personal expression'

On the second day of the decennial celebrations of RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru, popular couple Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh and Kumaresh gave a veena and violin duet concert. They were accompanied by K.U. Jayachandra Rao on the mridanga and Trichy Krishnaswamy on the ghata. This was the 100th concert of the Academy.

Veena and Violin Duet by Jayanthi and Kumaresh presenting a veena concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana in city on Aug. 4 as part of RAAGA Music Academy's Decennial Celebrations, accompanied K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Trichy Krishnaswamy on ghata.

Jayanthi and Kumaresh are a much admired couple who complement each other to create rich music. The present one was a concert of compositions from their 'Strings Attached.' 'Strings Attached' is an ongoing collaboration of Jayanthi with her husband Kumaresh, which in Jayanthi's words is a journey of discovery and adventure.

The couple started the concert with Kalyani, the very meaning of which is 'Auspicious.' "Pra-NayAnyaham Srl gaurisutam' by Mysore Vasudevacharya in Gaula followed for which the pallavi portion was suffixed with vibrant swaras. The couple took some time to settle down. The shruti was not loud enough and it took time for the shruti to synchronise between the two instruments in the first hour. But gradually things changed and the magic began to happen. Jayanthi's version of Kanada was good but disappointingly short and did not exploit her full potential but Tyagaraja's 'Sri Narada', not much heard in concerts these days, was a welcome choice.

Raga Vasanta played by Jayanthi was remarkable with rare, splendid phrases and the swara-based composition by the couple which was their own was enjoyable.

Dharmavathi proved to be the piece de resistance of the concert. The raga was built by both of them leisurely and methodically. Jayanthi's playing of many swaras at a stretch in a single 'meetu', the skill she has gained from her teacher S. Balachanda, was awe-inspiring while Kumaresh's development of the raga was grand, rich and colourful. The Alapana was adorned with powerful gamakas and Jayanthi excelled in playing the tanam, which goes so well with the instrument. The pallavi was a swara pallavi, their own composition again, which was well essayed and was decorated with creative combination of swaras. The taniyavartanam was interesting, different and split into parts.

K.U. Jayachandra Rao on the mridanga and Trichy Krishnaswamy on the ghata impressed the listeners with their intelligent laya manipulations. The audience were thrilled to see Jayachandra Rao playing the notes of Dharmavathi on his mridanga. After each of the percussion artistes displayed their part individually, the concert continued with Ragamalika swaras with Abheri, Varali and Ahiri played alternately by both the artistes, after which the tani was resumed, concluding with a grand muktaya.

Kumaresh was conversational throughout the concert. His proud looks of appreciation while Jayanthi played and the couple's appreciation for the percussion artistes and Mysuru audience was notable. The concert concluded with a composition of Shyama Shastri in Madhyamavati.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

CORRECTION: *In the music review published on Aug. 13, the name of 'Elliruve Tande BAro MAruti' composer may please be read as Bagepalli Shesha Dasaru and not Purandara Dasaru. The error is regretted. —Ed*

Moonlight Music at Suttur Mutt tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 18 (VNS) - Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch, has organised 270th edition of Moonlight Music Concert at the Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city tomorrow (Aug. 19) from 6 pm.

The concert will feature team 'Brahma' comprising of Vid. Amith A. Nadig (Flute), Vid. B.C. Manjunath (Mridanga), Vid. Guruprasanna (Kanjira) and Vid. B.R. Somashekar Jois (Konnakol) presenting a classical music concert in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Amith A. Nadig *Vid. Manjunath* *Vid. Guruprasanna* *Vid. Somashekar*

Vid. Amith A. Nadig, a renowned flautist, hails from a family of musicians. Having completed his primary music education from Vid. B.K. Ananthram, Nadig has been a disciple of Vid. R.K. Srikantan from many years. An Akashavani 'A' grade artiste, Nadig has presented concerts in various countries including USA, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France among others. He has also collaborated with many Karnatak, Hindustani, Jazz and Fusion artistes. Nadig has received many awards including Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by Kendriya Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ananya Yuva Puraskar among others. Currently, is working as Head (Q&D), Netserv Technologies.

Vid. B.C. Manjunath is the son of renowned mridanga artiste *Vidyanidhi* Dr. B.K. Chandramouli. A disciple of Vid. K.S. Krishnamurthy and *Padma Shri* Dr. T.K. Murthy, Manjunath is well-versed in Indian Classical Music, World Music, Jazz and contemporary dance. He has invented various Talas apart from collaborating with renowned musicians. Vid. Manjunath, an 'A' grade Akashavani artiste, is a recipient of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, Ganakala Sri Award, among others.

Vid. G. Guruprasanna is well known kanjira artiste who can adapt to Karnatak, Hindustani, Jazz and contemporary music. He has been a student of Vid. R. Satyakumar, Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma and Vid. C.P. Vyasaguru Vittala. He has also been awarded with Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by Sangeet Natak Akademi. An 'A Top' grade Akashavani artistes, Vid. Guruprasanna, an M.Tech graduate from Birla Institute of Technology, is the Co-founder of Samathva Foundation.

Vid. B.R. Somashekar Jois is a student of Vid. K.N. Krishnamurthy, Vid. B.C. Manjunath, Vid. K.V. Prasad and Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma. He has also received guidance from Vid. Sanaka Kumar Athreya and Vid. N. Amruth. An 'A grade' artiste in both Akashavani and Doordarshan, Vid. Somashekar has secured 1st rank in mridanga Vidwat examination along with scholarship from the Central Government. He has also received many awards including CMANA award, Raga Laya Prabha Award and Ananya Yuva Award. He is the founder of World Konnakol Academy and a prominent member of Laya Lavanya Band.

Aashaada edition of 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava' held

Mysuru, Aug. 18- Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru, had organised the 'Aashaada' edition of 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava' series on Aug. 10 at Champaka Academy premises in Ramakrishnanagar, with Bharatanatyam performances by accomplished artistes of Mysuru and Bengaluru.

The evening started with Bharatanatyam performance by junior disciples of Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, Mysuru. Little performers showcased adavus, basic dance steps that form the foundation of Bharatanatyam.

Vidu. Amrutha Shashank, Founder and Director of Kaarunya Dance Academy, Bengaluru, along with her disciples, presented a Bharatanatyam feature starting with Ganesha stuti 'Ambasuta Karivadana Kaayo' followed by 'Padavarna' beautifully showcasing different stages of Sri Krishna's life from childhood till the Kurukshetra war.

The event concluded with Bharatanatyam feature by disciples of Vidu. Gowri Priya Sethuram, Founder of Thripura Paatashaala Dance School and Indian Shades, Mysuru. They presented alaripu, jathiswara, tillana and concluded their programme with the famous composition 'Seetha Kalyana Vaibhogame.'

Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary of Mahajana Education Society, Mysuru, was the chief guest. She spoke about the pleasure given by the different art forms and the importance of learning different art forms to get rid of stress in life. She appreciated the efforts of Vidu. Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and the Trust in promoting and upholding the cultural values.

Vid. Badri Divya Bhushan was also present during the event and distributed the Certificate of Appreciation to all the performers. He spoke about the dedication needed in learning Bharatanatyam and appreciated the participants and the efforts of organisers of Kalaa Utsava in providing opportunity for different artistes to showcase their talents.

Trustees Nagarajan Srinivasan and K.A. Deepamani were present. Members of the public attended and enjoyed the event.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Double iSmart (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Gowri (K) 2 Shows; *Stree 2- Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)* 2 shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 9886325207**
Vedaa (H) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre **Ph: 2452958**
Stree 2 - Sarkate Ka Aatank (H) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Double iSmart (Te) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Thangalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Raayan (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	7 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Mr. Bachchan (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10 pm
It Ends With Us (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	(S-1)	8.05 am (S-2) 10 am
	(S-3)	6.55 pm (S-4) 1 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Gowri (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm
Raghu Thatha (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 1 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Vedaa (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 6.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.20 pm
Gowri (K)	:	12.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Double iSmart (H)	:	10.10 pm
It Ends with Us (E)	:	3.40 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10. 20 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	:	4 pm
Demonte Colony 2 - Vengeance Of The Unholy (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

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Gowri (K)	:	12.15 pm, 10.20 pm
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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10 pm
Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	3.25 pm
Bheema (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	4.15 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	7.25 pm

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Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Bheema (K)	:	4 pm, 10.30 pm
Gowri (K)	:	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	7 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	7.05 pm

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Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	10.10 am, 7.05 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.30 pm, 7 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 10. 30 pm
Gowri (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.40 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 18)

- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50' Mega Consumer Expo, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** Ekavyakti Tala-Maddale 'Prakshubda Radheya' by Diwakara Hegde, **5 pm;** Bharatanatyam performance by Spoorthi S. Rao, disciple of Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College Principal Sathya Prasad chief guests, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Nruthyathi Kalaashaale:** Inauguration of 5th Annual Festival 'Samaagama' by renowned Bharatanatyam Artiste Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, Natyacharya K. Ramamurthy Rao chief guest, Ganabharathi's Ramabai Govindarao Auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Book release:** Tribute to late Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, releasing of the book 'Navigating the Path of Technical Education - Prof. Dhananjaya's Inspirational Journey' by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Prof. P. O. J. Lebba, former Member, BoG, Kerala Technological University, Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor, Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, Dr. K. Balaveera Reddy, former VC, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-chancellor of JSS AHER and D. Sudhanva, Chairman & Managing Director of Excelsoft, will be present, Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by Dr. Vinoda (Professor, MMK&SDM College for Women), residence of Dr. Veerappa, Dr. Pushpalatha, No. 1214, 2nd Cross, K-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, near Andolana Circle, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Saradadevi' in Kannada, Swami Shambhavanandaji auditorium, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Dr. K.V. Manohar Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Veena Concert by Vidu. Shubha Santhosh, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of English play *Stifled* (Untitled-1), scripted by Annie Zaidi, Directed by Nima Manjrekar, Kalpakshetra, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1s Phase, **6.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi Vasantha Venkatesh (Mysuru), Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Samskruta Bharati, Mysuru:** Samskruta Saptaha - Lecture Series, Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi delivers talk, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangavahini, Chamarajanagar, Nele-Hinnele, GPIER, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Sanchi Honnamma Natakotsava and Sanchi Honnamma Women's Award presentation, staging of play 'Gulabi Gangu-2,' directed by Rajaguru Hosakote, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Mahamayi,' directed by Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru:** Raksha Bandhan celebrations, Medical/ Engineering/ Industry/ Business, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 3rd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 19)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Department of Studies in Genetics and Genomics, University of Mysore (UoM):** Releasing of books 'Adhunika Dhanvatari' (Dr. C.N. Manjunath Felicitation Volume edited by Dr. Sukanya Sunagahalli) and 'Purushara Laingika Arogya - Mahileyara Laingika Arogya' (authored by Dr. Suttur S. Malini); UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, retd. Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna and Mediwave IVF and Fertility Research Hospital Director Dr. C. Sharath Kumar will speak about the books, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru:** Raksha Bandhan celebrations, Media Segment, **11 am;** Science/ Admin/ Education/ Social Service, Segment Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 3rd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50' Mega Consumer Expo, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by Vidya Phaniraj (Lecturer, Sadvidya PU College), residence of Dr. Kripa Phadke, No. 16/1, 'Nrityagiri,' Preethi Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **Samskruta Bharati, Mysuru:** Samskruta Saptaha - Lecture Series, Dr. Raghavendra Pai delivers talk, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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- **Sri Gayathridevi Amma Temple, Palace Fort premises:** Punyaha, Maha Ganapati Puje, Navagraha Puje and Mandala Puje, Kalasha Sthapane, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

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